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SUBJ: SUGGESTIONS FOR CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION SPEECH

BY AMBASSADOR COHEN

1. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT FOLLOWING THEMES AND IDEAS BE CONSIDERED FOR SPEECH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE COHEN WILL MAKE IN BANJUL FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS.

2. THE GAMBIA AND US SHARE COMMON HERITAGE OF BELIEF IN DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED ELECTORAL EXERCISE WHICH PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR ITS PEOPLE TO FREELY AND OPENLY SELECT ITS LEADERSHIP. THE GAMBIA IS ONE OF VERY FEW COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPING WORLD WHERE THIS COULD HAPPEN.

3. OUR TWO COUNTRIES ALSO SHARE DEEP COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. PRESIDENT JAWARA RECENTLY SUGGESTED THAT OAU ADOPT CHARTER AMENDMENT DEFINING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES FOR AFRICA, WHILE ALSO ADVOCATING CREATION COMMONWEALTH COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

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4. US-GAMBIAN COOPERATION IS EXPANDING, WITH AID NOW FIRMLY PREPARED TO EMBARK ON BILATERAL AID PROJECTS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF SAHEL RELIEF EFFORTS. MULTI-DONOR MISSION TO THE GAMBIA WILL SHORTLY BE SUBMITTING REPORT ON GAMBIA RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL HAVE MAJOR LONG-TERM IMPACT ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GAMBIA'S

GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCE. PEACE CORPS, CULTURAL, SELF
HELP, AND INFORMATION PROGRAMS HAVE ALL GROWN APPRECIABLY
OVER PAST YEAR.

5. ALEX HALEY, IN SEARCH HIS ROOTS, HAS FOUND COMMON
HERITAGE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. AS MORE AMERICANS
FOLLOW IN HALEY'FE FOOTSTEPS TO THE GAMBIA, WE SHOULD
DEVELOP EVEN CLOSERMUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

6. AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS FOUND THE GAMBIA TO BE FRIENDLY
CONGENIAL PLACE WHERE ONE FELT IMMEDIATELY AT HOME.
PREVIOUS AMBASSADORS, AND OTHERS WHO SERVE IN EMBASSY,
HAVE MADE PARTICULAR NOTE OF THIS MARVELOUS GAMBIAN
QUALITY. THEREFORE, NEW AMBASSADOR KNOWS HIS PATH HAS BEEN
MADE EASIER AS HE BEGINS NEW RESPONSIBILITY. WORKING
TOGETHER MUCH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED, SO THAT ALREADY
EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND THE GAMBIA MAY BECOME
EVEN CLOSER.
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